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Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church

CELEBRATING THE LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Jarvis Members Donate Time, Money to Assist Relay for Life

By Darlene Howard

Jarvis came through again with a great Relay for Life! The Church and Society Committee is one of the most active committees at Jarvis and constantly promote the love of Christ through our missions. I love working with each of you and thank you all.

Thanks to all of you who picked up, delivered, unloaded, loaded, and returned items to and from various places. Also to the couple of dozen Jarvis members who spent the night and the dozen who managed to function on less than an hour's sleep in a 24 hour period of time. We are also happy that so many of our Jarvis members took time out of their busy schedules to walk and/or work.

We appreciate those who took leadership positions—especially Gayle Cobb (our fearless leader) and Deb Ward (in charge of food). We appreciate your leadership and organization and your willingness to help. Leigh Pryor did a great job at the 11th hour with most of the burrito fixings donated saving us lots of money and making the sale of each chicken burrito pure profit. The Youth, Jule Baxter and Bonnie Glass did a great job on our decorations—Fiesta for a Cure.



Special thanks go to our Jarvis youth and our Jarvis children who participated in our event and who did so much to make our event successful. It is truly a blessing when we can all work together toward the same goals and for a wonderful cause.

The Pitt County goal was to raise \$300,000—we raised \$330,000 to date! We don't have any Jarvis totals yet since we still have money that was

turned in to Jarvis and receipts to reimburse.

Since we had a majority of C&S members at Relay, we voted to fund the expenses for Relay from our C&S budget so that every cent we raised went to Relay instead of taking our expenses out of the proceeds. Once we have all the receipts reimbursed, I'll be able to give you a total for both Relay money raised and the amount of money left in our C&S budget.

Thanks for everything you did to help serve our community this weekend and for the past few months as we planned for this event.



Jarvis Memorial Children's Ministries

K.O.O.L. Kids News!

The K.O.O.L. Kids from our Wednesday night program have been very busy serving others! They sorted food at the Backpack Pals warehouse, served a meal & collected over \$100 in tip money for Relay for Life and made muffins to sell for Relay for Life also. Way to go K.O.O.L. Kids!

May K.O.O.L. Kids Calendar:

6th – Honoring Our Moms

13th – Letting Your Light Shine

20th – Secret Service Night

27th – Talent Show!

K.O.O.L. Kids is open to all K-5th graders on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. immediately following the Fellowship Feast during the school year.

Mission Explorers

Calling all rising 4th, 5th & 6th graders on Mondays from 10 am – 2 pm beginning June 29th through August 17th. These older elementary children will get hands-on participation with local missions as they travel to different sites each Monday in the summer for eight weeks, followed by discussion and lunch. This summer the children will be learning and visiting the following: Cypress Glen, Give 2 the Troops, Hope of Glory, the Humane Society, the Joy Soup Kitchen, Meals on Wheels, the Ronald McDonald House, and Gleaning with the Society of St. Andrew. This will be an awesome summer ministry! Registration has begun and will continue through June 1st.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

2nd Thursday of each month from 9:30 – 11 a.m. in the TCLC Flex Space

(childcare provided by reservation)

All Mothers of Preschoolers are invited to join this monthly time of fellowship, devotions, refreshments, friendship with other moms, encouragement and practical

tips for surviving the preschool years and more!

May 14th Program:

Child Nutrition/Food Safety

Speaker: Susan Reece with the Co-Operative Extension Service

Sleeping With Bread

During the bombing raids of WWII, thousands of children were orphaned and left to starve. The fortunate ones were rescued and placed in refugee camps where they received food and good care. But many of these children who had lost so much could not sleep at night. They feared waking up to find themselves once again homeless and without food. Nothing seemed to reassure them. Finally, someone hit upon the idea of giving each child a piece of bread to hold at bedtime. Holding their bread, these children could finally sleep in peace. All through the night the bread reminded them, "Today I ate and I will eat again tomorrow." (Linn, Dennis et al. *Sleeping With Bread*, p.1)

This introduction in Dennis Linn's book has always had a special place in my heart and has been a story that is a constant reminder of how important the Backpack Pals ministry is to the hungry children in Pitt County. The donations of food, gift cards, and weekly support to help pack the bags have been an overwhelming gift from this congregation. The backpacks not only provide physical nourishment but they provide emotional and spiritual nourishment to the children. They offer hope. Thank you Jarvis for all the many ways you continue to support this ministry and a special thank you to the faithful families that come every Wednesday at 1:00 to pack the bags: The Bergstedt, Fagundus, and Lawler families! You are hope, comfort, and bread to us all.

Blessings, Amy

Please contact Amy Staley, Director of Children's Ministries at 752-3101 or email her at jarvisdcm@earthlink.net concerning these events.

2009 Vacation Bible School



Registration is now taking place for **Crocodile Dock: Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light**

Volunteers are needed to help with this year's daytime VBS! If you can help even just one day during VBS, we need you! There is a place for everyone: decorating, storytelling, games, snacks, music, crafts, and shepherds are especially needed to assist the children and move them from one area to the next.

So, join our Bayou Crew and have a rockin' fun time with us at the dock! Contact Amy Staley at 752-3101 or email her at jarvisdcm@earthlink.net.

May Kingdom Quest Schedule

MORNING SERVICES	9:00	11:00
MAY 3	TAMMY WARD	BECKY BLIZZARD & LEE ALLEN/ PAIGE FISHER
MAY 10	NO KINGDOM QUEST	NO KINGDOM QUEST
MAY 17	BONNIE GLASS	ANISSA POTTER & LAURA SMITH
MAY 24	MEREDITH BONNETTE	BECKY SMITH & BETH JOHNSON
MAY 31	BETH GALLUP	KIM WOOD & KRISTEN EVANS

Music Ministry

Dr. Stan McDaniel

Pentecost is coming – May 31st to be exact! In times such as these with so much financial instability, and right here at Jarvis, radical and unexpected staff changes leaving us all with uncertainty for the future, it's more important than ever to recognize the work of the Holy Spirit. In all of it, God IS working his purpose out. The Spirit is moving among us. Feel the breath of God.

It's useful to know that, in both Hebrew and Greek, the word for "spirit" is the same one used for wind, air, and breath. God was no abstract concept to the writers of the Old Testament. Believing that humanity was created "in God's image" – a living, breathing God – is intrinsic to understanding the whole drama of creation and redemption.

In Genesis 1, God's first act of creation is to "breathe" across the

waters. In Genesis 2, he creates Adam and "into his nostrils breathed the breath of life". God's presence, his Holy Spirit in other words, is as close to us as the air we breathe and that surrounds us. Air, scripturally, represents the essence of life. And so it's not surprising that Psalm 150 admonishes "everything that breathes praise the Lord!" Of course, the "breath of God" metaphor does not rest exclusively in the Old Testament. One small example is John 20:22: "When he (Jesus) had said this, he breathed on them and said unto them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

And so we come to Acts and the famous Pentecost narrative which begins: "When the day of Pentecost had come...suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind." Not a bell, not a siren, not thunder, not lightening – it HAD

TO BE God's wind.

Edwin Hatch, the writer of the hymn, "Breathe On Me, Breath of God", was a learned theologian of the 19th century and authority on the early development of the Christian church. He wrote this hymn specifically to be used in the ordination of clergy because he believed Spiritual renewal was an essential part of becoming a servant.

It is tempting, in telling the Pentecost story, to focus only on the spectacular. But God's Holy Spirit continues to move among us to the present day working miracles, breaking down barriers, enabling communication, renewing us even in the face of pain and death. So, may we all pray: "Breathe on us, breath of God; fill us with life anew, that we may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do."



Summer is a great time to sing in a choir, and it's a time when singers are desperately needed. If you or someone you know is interested in singing, please call the music office (752-3101, ext 120) for more information.



Jarvis Altar Flower Fund

When the people of God gather to worship, we are reminded of the manifold ways we are blessed each and every day. A tangible reminder of that is the beauty of the flowers adorning our altar each Sunday. Many Sundays of the year flowers are given "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one. The church also maintains a "Flower Fund" which is intended to provide flowers for those Sundays not already spoken for. Altar flowers are not a "budgeted expense" at Jarvis Memorial. Your donations to the flower fund help to insure that beautiful flowers are part of worship at Jarvis on all Sundays of the church year.

For more information about altar flowers, contact Mary Bishop at 321-4801. To make a donation, make your check out to Jarvis Memorial UMC and label the memo line, "Flower Fund".

UMW Cross Sale

The Cross is the center of creating a relationship with God through the redeeming love of Jesus.

The North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Women has an opportunity for you to honor a person who shows creativity in service to others and love of their church and others through the love of Jesus. With a gift of \$5.00, you can honor these people. The proceeds from this project will help a woman, child or youth somewhere in our vast world through a United Methodist Women mission project.

For more information, please contact Madeline Murphy at mamurphy39@suddenlink.net.





Announcements

SENIOR NEWS

Seniors and those living alone are advised by emergency officials to have a single line hard wired telephone at their home. If you or someone you know needs such a telephone, please call Dan Earnhardt, 752-3101 ext. 109.

BABY NEWS

George & Ashley Odom had a new addition, Tucker Jackson. He was born on April 15th at 3:22. He weighed 7 pounds and 14.6 ounces and was 19 and half inches long.

UMW MISSION STUDIES

May 2, 2009

"I Believe in Jesus"

Led by Katherine Self

Farmville UMC (4588 W. Church St.)

Registration at 9:30

Program begins at 9:45

Coffee, snacks and a light lunch will be served

For more information contact:

Laurie Godwin (752-9665)

Genie Caldwell (756-2786)

THE MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

The Memorial Trust Fund is

designated to help support "... either to some new, experimental, charitable mission or program not presently supported by Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church. None of these funds shall be used for the operating budget or for capital improvement of Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church." If you have a program that you would like supported by the Memorial Trust Fund, please get an application from the Church Office. Applications are due by May 1.

DIVORCE CARE

Divorce Care Class starting in May.

Please contact Dan Earnhardt at 752-3101 ext. 109.

BACKPACK PALS

Backpack Pals News: Volunteers are needed on Wednesdays from 1:00-1:30 p.m. to help pack the bags. We are currently packing 27 bags and serving 40+ children. Contact Amy Staley for more information, 752-3101.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 7th at Noon on courthouse steps. Jarvis Memorial UMC is the rain location.

MEAL PREPARATION

The gracious and generous body of this church has provided meals to the Adams family three times per week during Cindy's chemo weeks since September. What a blessing to a home that has been such a blessing to many children. If you would like to contribute a meal or gift certificate,

please contact Mary Bishop at 321-4801 or mary.102157@yahoo.com

TRANSPORTATION TO WORSHIP

If lack of transportation is keeping you from worship services on Sunday morning, please contact the church office (752-3101) and the Evangelism Committee will make arrangements for you.

ACS REGISTRATION

From July 20-25, youth from across the Conference will discuss relevant issues and will also attend to the business of the NC Conference UMYF. The event will take place at Methodist University in Fayetteville. To register, please contact Timm Hackett.

CREATED BY GOD SCHEDULE

5-7 year olds May 17th with Tammy Ward in Room 210 TCLC
10-12 year old girls May 17th with Edna Merritt in Room 210 TCLC; 6-8:30 p.m.
10-12 year old boys May 17th with Chuck Phillips in Room 111 TCLC; 6-8:30 p.m.



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Jarvis Seeks New Stephen Ministers

The Stephen Series is a complete system for training and organizing lay people to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around your congregation.

The Stephen Series provides congregations with the structure, training, and resources to set up and administer a complete system for lay caring ministry (called Stephen Ministry) in the congregation. In Stephen Ministry congregations, lay caregivers (called Stephen Ministers) provide one-to-one Christian care to the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, separated, divorced, unemployed, relocated, and others facing a crisis or life challenge. Stephen Ministry helps pastors and congregations provide quality caring ministry.

Stephen Leaders recruit and select laypeople from the congregation to serve as Stephen Ministers and provide them with 50 hours of training in Christian caregiving. Some of the training topics include listening, feelings, assertiveness, confidentiality, and ministering to people in specific situations such as divorce, terminal illness, grief, and childbirth. Stephen Ministers also are trained to recognize when a care receiver's needs go beyond the care a Stephen Minister can provide and where and how to refer the care receiver for additional care.

For more information please contact The Reverend Dan Earnhardt at 252.752.3101 or jarvispcm@earthlink.net



Financial News

Fund	Date	Revenue	Budget	**Difference
MTD-Revenues	March 31, 2009	\$97,908	\$98,517	-\$609
YTD-Revenues	March 31, 2009	\$317,632	\$340,341	-\$22,709
Remaining TCLC Debt =	\$283,816	Revenue - Budget = Difference		
Remaining BUS Debt =	\$8,137			

We all know that the economic temperature is bleak. Please remember that God is in control all the time. He knows our need(s) and will supply them as He deems necessary. He is the Chief Financial Officer of the Bank of Heaven. Please read Phillipians 4:19. God's word will never fail His children. We need to believe and expect.

Please pray that all ministries will be fully funded from the outstanding pledges and or non-pledged gifts in 2009. You can participate in Sharing God's Gifts Through Your Contributions
 -Pray about your giving to God's ministries.
 -Model the generosity God calls you to exhibit.
 -Educate yourself about the ministries of Jarvis Memorial.

Pray that God finds us faithful.

The Business Manager's office will be open for any questions you may have.

Two Jarvis Youth Attend Kaleidoscope

Haleigh Baxter and Molly Horton, both eighth grade youth from Jarvis, attended the 2009 Kaleidoscope Conference youth event at Camp Don Lee on April 17-19. The event featured youth learning the four Holy Habits: Prayer, Worship, Bible Study, and Service. This year's theme was "Here Comes the Son."

Baxter commented on the weekend: "I learned we should always be ready for what God has coming our way; we should always be preparing because you never know when he will come right up behind you."

For more information concerning NC Conference youth events, please contact Timm Hackett at jarvisace@earthlink.net